SHHH. DO YOU HEAR THAT?
YEAH...
...IT SOUNDED LIKE YOUR VOICE, KIN. YOU THINK IT'S ANOTHER 'ALTERNATE YOU'?
MOST LIKELY. LET'S KEEP MOVING.
I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT ANYMORE VERSIONS OF OURSELVES. IT'S GOING TO LEAVE ME EMOTIONALLY SCARRED.
I FIND IT ALMOST THERAPEUTIC.
SARA WHO?
THERAPEUTIC.
SARA PUKED IT?
SIGH, HERE WE GO.
NO, IN THIS INSTANCE, IT MEANS THAT YOU CAN EMOTIONALLY CLEANSE YOURSELF OF ANY GUILT OR INWARD ANGER BY DOING BATTLE WITH A REPRESENTATION OF YOURSELF. IT CAN BE SEEN AS SYMBOLISM MADE FLESH.
OH, I GET IT.
AND SO THAT'S WHAT MADE SARA PUKE?
HANG ON, GUYS. I SEE SOMETHING MOVING UP AHEAD!
AAUUUUU.

OH NO! IT'S THE ZOMBIE US'ES!
WAIT...
...WE SAW OUR ZOMBIE ALTERNATES, EARLIER. THAT'S NOT THEM.
OH NO! THE ZOMBIE US'ES MUST'VE FOUGHT OTHER US'ES! AND THE ZOMBIE US'ES BIT THE OTHER US'ES, MAKING ZOMBIE OTHER US'ES!
WOW. THERE ARE A LOT OF THEM.
OH NO! THE ZOMBIE US'ES AND ZOMBIE OTHER US'ES MUST'VE FOUGHT OTHER, OTHER US'ES AND BIT THEM, MAKING OTHER ZOMBIE OTHER US'ES!
WE'LL BE OKAY IF WE REMEMBER THE THREE RULES OF ZOMBIES. ONE. IF ZOMBIES BITE US, WE BECOME ZOMBIE US'ES!
TWO. THERE'S ALWAYS ONE ZOMBIE WITH BLACK GUNK COMING OUT OF HIS MOUTH. SEE? THERE HE IS. WHAT IS THAT BLACK GUNK?! I DON'T KNOW! NO ONE KNOWS! IT'S ONE OF THE GREAT MYSTERIES OF UNLIFE!
MINMAX, I THINK YOU'RE STARTING TO GET THEIR ATTENTION. MAYBE YOU SHOULD...
THREE! REAL ZOMBIES ARE SLOW! ONLY FAKE, CHEATER ZOMBIES RUN FAST!
UUUAAA!
AUUU!
UAAUU!
OH NO! THEY'RE FAKE, CHEATER OTHER ZOMBIE OTHER US'ES!

I CAN CAST TURN UNDEAD, BUT I NEED MY HOLY SYMBOL!
WE HAVE TO RETREAT IMMEDIATELY! THE ODDS OF ONE OF US BEING BITTEN DURING THIS ENCOUNTER ARE AT LEAST ONE IN...
NEVER TELL ME THE ODDS!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
MY HOLY SYMBOL IS ON MY MACE IN YOUR BACKPACK! I NEED IT!
WHY DO THE TWO OF YOU INSIST ON TRANSPORTING THAT ITEM IN BACKPACKS, RESULTING IN EFFORT-CONSUMING INACCESSIBILITY!
IT'S HEAVY!

WHY THE HELL DO YOU HAVE SO MUCH ROPE?!
I ALWAYS CARRY ROPE! JUST FIND THE DAMN MACE!

HERBERT!
TURN UNDEAD!
CARACK
FORGATH! MORE ZOMBIES ARE RAPIDLY APPROACHING!
WE'RE STRATEGICALLY RETREATING!
LET'S RUN BACK TO THE HEALING POTION RIVER!
LOOK OUT!
GAH!

MAGIC MISSILE!
FWOOSH
AH!
RAAAH!
THWUMP
SAPPHIRE!
I'VE GOT HER.
COMING THROUGH!

THUD
CLANG
CLACK
THWAP
UH!
SHLICK
ACK!
SLASHAK
AH!
SHINK
OOWWW!
OH CRAP! SORRY!

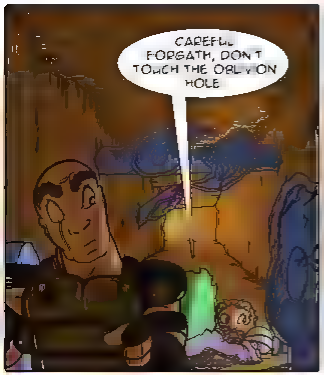
SLUCK
SHLOCK
SHUNK
AAAAH!
STOP HELPING ME!
SORRY!
AAUUUA!
INFLICT LIGHT WOUNDS!
FWUMF
AAH!

AH!
WE HAVE TO GET AWAY FROM HERE! THERE ARE MORE AND MORE ZOMBIE US'ES COMING!
UP THERE? BUT FORGATH SAID THE OBLIVION HOLE WAS TOO DANGEROUS!
IT IS TOO DANGEROUS! BUT IT'S GETTING EVEN MORE TOO DANGEROUS DOWN HERE!
MINMAX, I CAN'T DO IT. I'M GOING TO FALL INTO OBLIVION AND YOU'LL FORGET THAT I EVER EXISTED!
KIN, I WIELD OBLIVION AS A WEAPON. I'M THE KING OF OBLIVION. IF IT CAN'T BE THOUGHT, I HAVEN'T THUNK IT.
TRUST ME.
DON'T LET ME FALL IN! DON'T FORGET ME!
NEVER.
IEXISTIEXIST IEXISTIEXISTIEXIST IEXISTIEXIST.

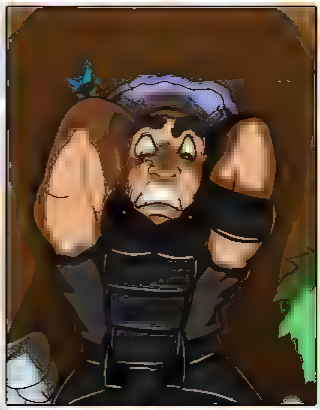
FORGATH! WE ARE LEAVING!
MINMAX! CLIMB UP MY TAIL!
ARE YOU SURE? I'M LIKE, REALLY HEAVY!
I HAVE A GENIUS LEVEL INTELLECT CAPABLE OF MINUTE, SIMULTANEOUS CALCULATIONS THAT QUICKLY AND PASSIVELY COAGULATE INTO SUPERIOR DECISION MAKING SKILLS! I THINK I KNOW HOW MUCH WEIGHT MY OWN TAIL CAN...
GAH!
HOLY GEEZBALLS, THAT'S HEAVY.
FORGATH! LET'S GO, DWARF!
DON'T YOU HAVE ANY ROPE?!
YOU KNOW I NEVER CARRY ROPE!
BUT I DO HAVE THIS LEATHER STRAP THAT I ALWAYS CARRY LOOSELY OVER MY SHOULDER FOR SOME REASON.

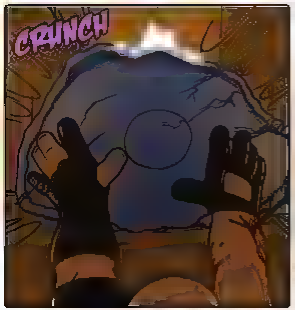
HURRY COME UP MY TAIL!
I CAN'T! I'M CARRYING ALL THIS STUFF!

I GOT YA, BUDDY!

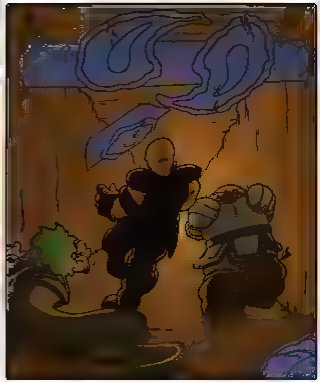

CAREFUL FORGATH, DON'T TOUCH THE OBLIVION HOLE

HAH!
CRACK



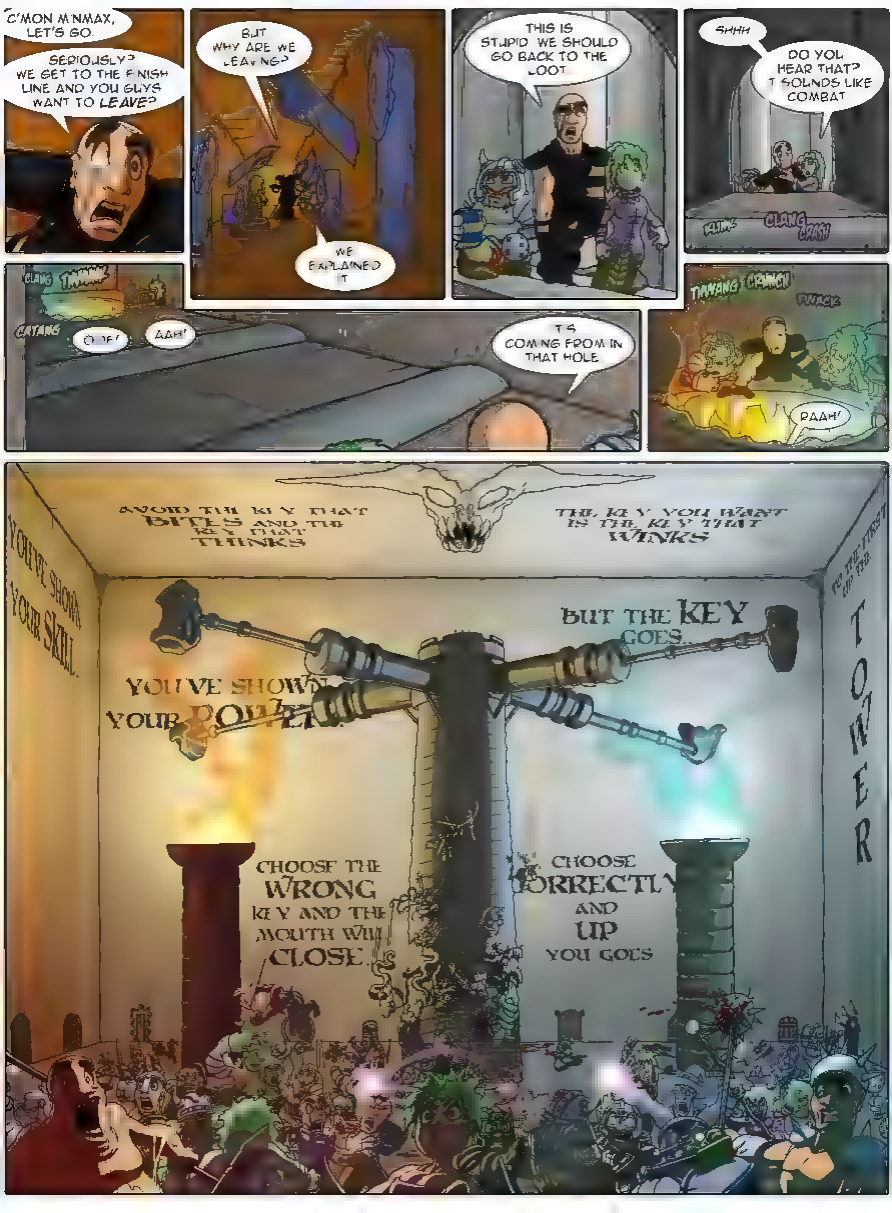

CRUNCH

THERE LET'S GO



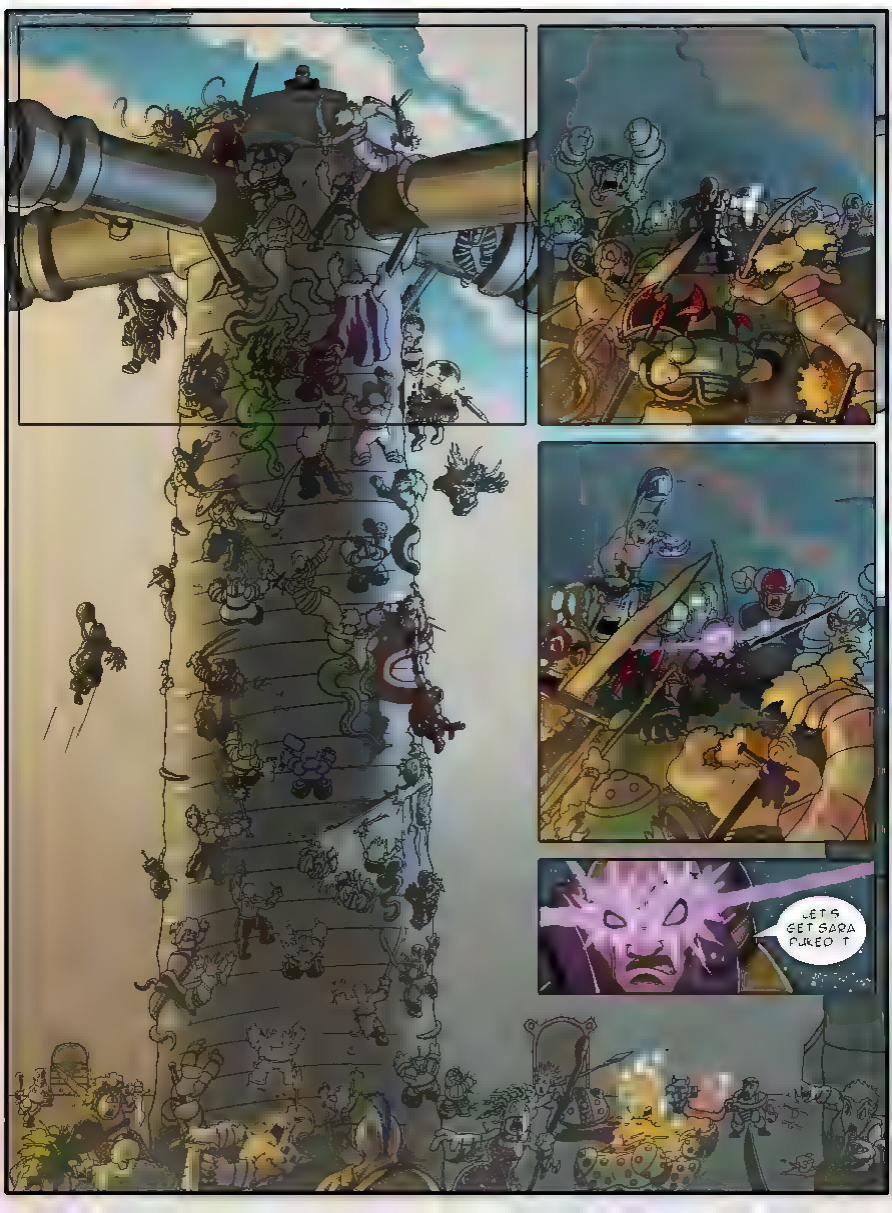
GLUG GLUG
YOU TOOK AN ARROW TO THE KNEE
AND YET I'M STILL AN ADVENTURER DRINK THIS.
THIS IS ACTUALLY VERY EXCITING. NOT ONLY ARE WE NOW ON A PATH UNPREDICTED BY THAT PSION, BUT WE MAY VERY WELL BE IN AN AREA THAT WE'VE NEVER REACHED IN ALL OF OUR 1,482,771 ATTEMPTS
BLAECK! IT TASTES LIKE YOUR DANDRUFF!
SERIOUSLY? AN ARROW THROUGH YOUR ARM IS NO PROBLEM, BUT THE TASTE OF DANDRUFF IS TOO MUCH FOR YOU?
I THINK I CAN TASTE YOUR HE GHT ENVY
LOOK!
WE MADE IT

IS THAT...?
THE TREASURE ROOM!
LOOK AT ALL THAT LOOT! LOOK AT THAT WEIRD AXE, WHAT IS THAT?! THAT'S MINE!
AND LOOK AT THAT! THAT'S MINE! AND THAT THING OVER THERE! THAT THING'S MINE!
HOW DO YOU OPEN THIS DOOR?
LOOKS LIKE IT NEEDS A KEY PROBABLY A MAGICAL ONE
DO YOU THINK WE BYPASSED THE AREA WITH THE KEY, WHEN WE TOOK OUR SHORTCUT THROUGH THE CEILING?
MAYBE
THERE'S ALSO THE POSSIBILITY THAT WE'VE ACCIDENTALLY LOST THE KEY IN AN OBLIVION HOLE AND NOW HAVE NO MEMORY OF EVER POSSESSING IT
GUH I HOPE NOT
OUR TWO OBVIOUS OPTIONS ARE TO EITHER BACKTRACK, LOOKING FOR A KEY, OR WAIT HERE IN HOPES THAT SOMEONE WITH A KEY WILL COME ALONG AT WHICH POINT WE'LL AMBUSH THEM.
HMM
IT MIGHT BE A GOOD IDEA TO DO BOTH. WE BACKTRACK A LITTLE BIT AND IF WE CAN'T FIND ANYTHING, WE COME BACK AND SET UP AN AMBUSH FOR APPROACHING ALTERNATES
AGREED
RHAAAH!
CA-LUMP


C'MON MINMAX, LET'S GO.
SERIOUSLY? WE GET TO THE FINISH LINE AND YOU GUYS WANT TO LEAVE?
BUT WHY ARE WE LEAVING?
WE EXPLAINED IT
THIS IS STUPID. WE SHOULD GO BACK TO THE LOOT.
SHHH
DO YOU HEAR THAT? IT SOUNDS LIKE COMBAT
CLANG CLANG
CLANG TWANG
CLATANG
OOF!
AAH!
IT'S COMING FROM IN THAT HOLE
TWANG! CRUNCH!
FWACK
AAAH!
AVOID THE KEY THAT BITES AND THE KEY THAT THINKS
THE KEY YOU WANT IS THE KEY THAT WINKS
TO THE TIPPY TOP OF THE TOWER
YOU'VE SHOWN YOUR SKILL
BUT THE KEY GOES...
YOU'VE SHOWN YOUR POWER!
CHOOSE THE WRONG KEY AND THE MOUTH WILL CLOSE
CHOOSE CORRECTLY AND UP YOU GOES

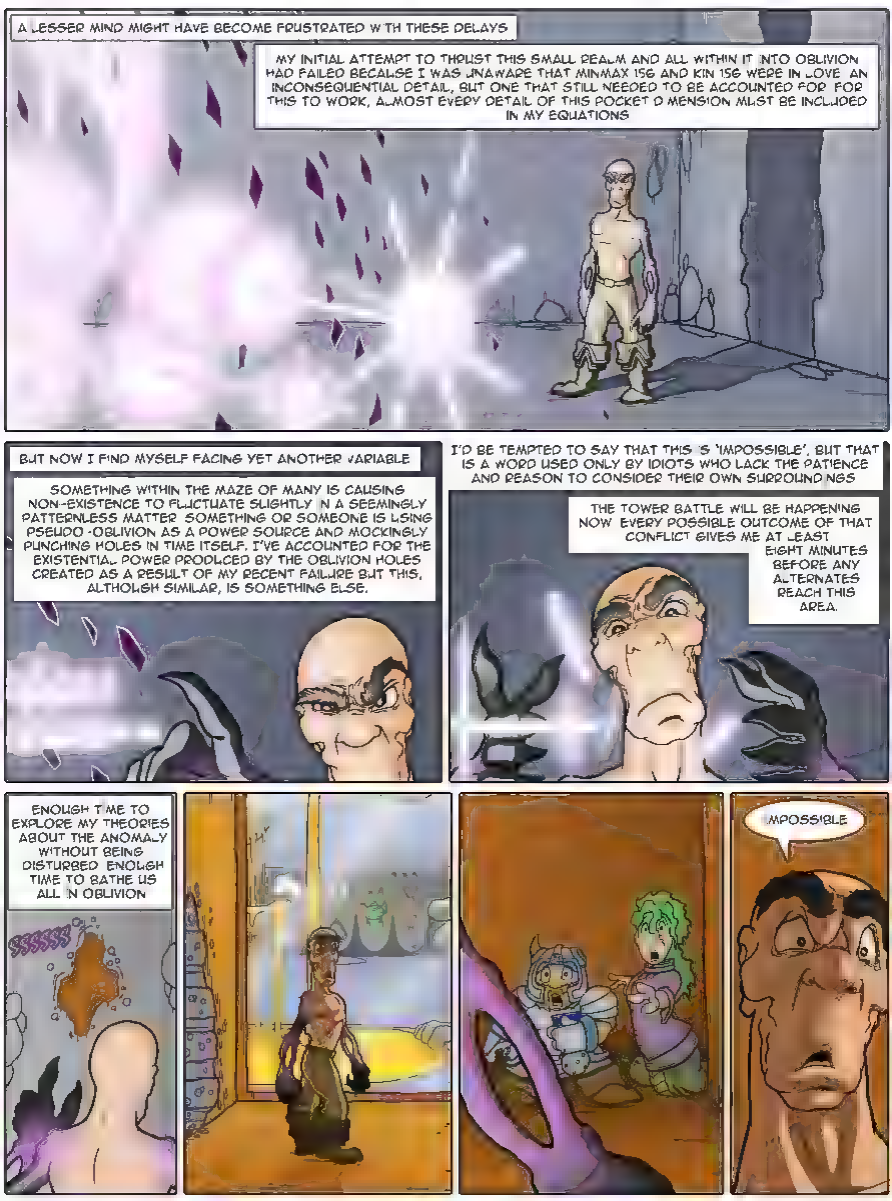
WOW, LOOK AT THEM ALL!
IT'S LIKE EVERY REMAINING ALT IS FUNNELED INTO THIS ONE ROOM!
WE'RE DOING THIS SECTION BACKWARDS
HUH?
DON'T YOU SEE? BY CLIMBING THROUGH THE CEILING, WE'VE POSITIONED OURSELVES ABOVE THIS KEY TOWER INSTEAD OF ENTERING THE ROOM AT GROUND LEVEL AS INTENDED!
I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH GOOD IT DOES US, THOUGH. THE WRITING DOWN THERE SAYS IF WE CHOOSE THE WRONG KEY, THIS OPENING WILL CLOSE
THERE MUST BE A WAY TO GET DOWN THERE. DISCERN WHICH IS THE CORRECT KEY, OBTAIN THAT KEY AND ASCEND BACK UP HERE
WELL WHATEVER WE'RE GOING TO DO, WE'D BETTER DO IT FAST. THAT CROWD OF BATTLING ALTS IS ABOUT TO REACH THE TOP OF THE TOWER
YOU'RE THE SMART ONE. WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
I... I DON'T KNOW. WE'VE FAILED THIS DUNGEON CRAWL ALMOST TWO MILLION TIMES AND THIS IS MOST LIKELY THE CLOSEST WE'VE COME TO VICTORY
AND I HAVE NO IDEA HOW TO PROCEED!
I JUST REALISED THAT ALMOST EVERY MOMENT WE'VE EVER SPENT TOGETHER HAS BEEN TAKEN AWAY LIKE IT NEVER HAPPENED
I DON'T WANT THIS MOMENT TAKEN AWAY
MINMAX!

FCLAK
SH-CLINK
AAH!


LET'S GET SARA PURED T

SHWNK
K-K
KKKRIKKK
KKKK KRIKK
SU-CHING
SHING SHINGA SHING
QUIT CHEATING YOU CHEATER! HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO KILL YOU, BEFORE YOU DIE?!
10
10

FORGATH! SEE IF YOU CAN
I KNOW! I'M TRYING!
DAMMIT! ALL THE RELEVANT MECHANISMS CAPABLE OF OPENING THE DOOR ARE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS WALL!
KIN?
KIN!
WHAT!
IF MINMAX ISN'T WITH US WHEN WE ENTER THE WINNER'S CIRCLE, DOES HE STILL WIN? WILL HE STILL BE TRANSPORTED BACK HOME, EVEN IF HE'S IN ANOTHER PART OF THE DUNGEON?
OF COURSE!
YOU'RE RIGHT!
AS LONG AS HE'S ALIVE, HE'LL BE SENT BACK TO HIS REALITY WITH US!
WHAT HAPPENS IF HE'S DEAD WHEN WE FINISH THE RACE?
THEN WE'LL GO BACK WITHOUT HIM AND HE WILL STAY DEAD
THEN LET'S NOT WASTE ANY TIME!

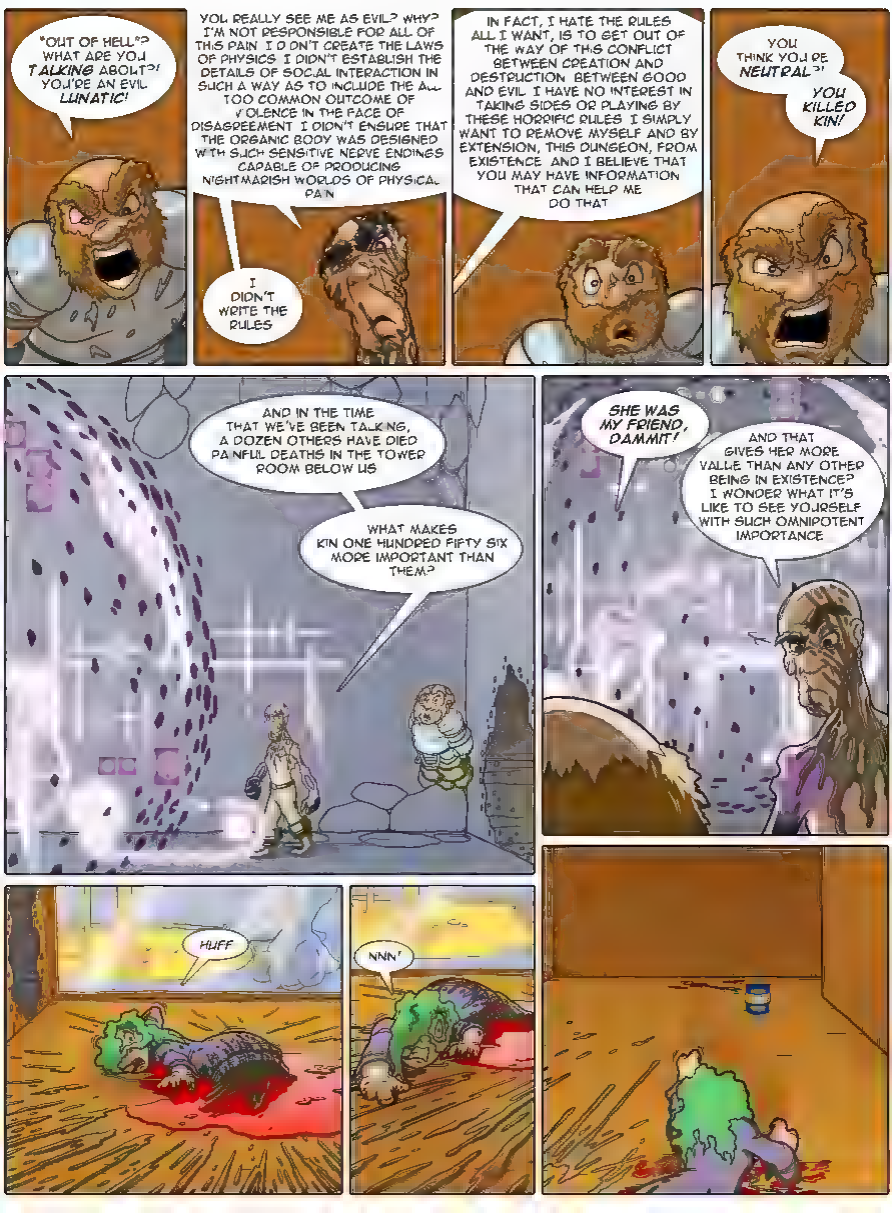

A LESSER MIND MIGHT HAVE BECOME FRUSTRATED W TH THESE DELAYS
MY INITIAL ATTEMPT TO THOLIST THIS SMALL REALM AND ALL WITHIN IT INTO OBLIVION HAD FAILED BECALSE I WAS JNAWARE THAT MINMAX 156 AND KIN 156 WERE IN LOVE AN INCONSEQUENTIAL DETAIL, BUT ONE THAT STILL NEEDED TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR FOR THIS TO WORK, ALMOST EVERY DETAIL OF THIS POCKET D MENSION MLST BE INCLUDED IN MY EQUATIONS
BUT NOW I FIND MYSELF FACING YET ANOTHER VARIABLE
SOMETHING WITHIN THE MAZE OF MANY IS CAUSING NON-EXISTENCE TO FLICTUATE SLIGHTLY N A SEEMINGLY PATTERNLESS MATTER SOMETHING OR SOMEONE IS LSING PSEUDO -OBLIVION AS A POWER SOURCE AND MOCKINGLY PUNCHING HOLES IN TIME ITSELF. I'VE ACCOUNTED FOR THE EXISTENTIAL POWER PRODUCED BY THE OBLIVION HOLES CREATED AS A RESULT OF MY RECENT FAILURE BUT THIS, ALTHOUGH SIMILAR, IS SOMETHING ELSE.
I'D BE TEMPTED TO SAY THAT THIS IS 'IMPOSSIBLE', BUT THAT IS A WORD USED ONLY BY IDIOTS WHO LACK THE PATIENCE AND REASON TO CONSIDER THEIR OWN SURROUNDINGS
THE TOWER BATTLE WILL BE HAPPENING NOW EVERY POSSIBLE OUTCOME OF THAT CONFLICT GIVES ME AT LEAST EIGHT MINUTES BEFORE ANY ALTERNATES REACH THIS AREA.
ENOUGH TME TO EXPLORE MY THEORIES ABOUT THE ANOMALY WITHOUT BEING DISTURBED ENOUGH TIME TO BATHE US ALL N OBLIVION
SSSSSS
IMPOSSIBLE

PSIONIC MINMAX
WE MEET AGAIN
BUT THIS TIME, I'M NOT BOLTED TO A WALL
CLICHED DIALOGUE IS FUN, ISN'T IT?
AHAAAH!
THU-CLUNK
SPLISHK
AH!
TEE

REALITY ONE HUNDRED FIFTY SIX HOW S T THAT YOU WERE ABLE TO MAKE IT SO FAR, SO QUICKLY?
UH!
YOU'VE ACQUIRED ALL THREE KEYS WHY? HOW? THE TOWER ROOM IS DESIGNED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO DISALLOW THAT OUTCOME
NNN!
AH!
SPLASH!
WHERE S YOUR MINMAX?
F HE WERE DEAD, YOU'D BE PURPOSEFULLY LOSING THIS MAZE RUN, THEREBY RESETTING HIS DEATH SINCE YOU WERE TRYING TO WIN, HE IS OBVIOUSLY ALIVE WHY ISN'T HE W TH YOU?
I SUPPOSE IT'S TO BE EXPECTED THAT YOU WOULDN'T ANSWER MY QUESTIONS AND SINCE I'VE TRADED N MY ABILITY TO CONTROL MINDS FOR EXTRA INTELLIGENCE, I M FORCED TO USE YOUR CURSED LEASH
N-NO! NO! NOT THE LEASH AGAIN! PLEASE!
NOOO!

STOP IT! LOOK, I'LL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT HOW WE GOT UP HERE! LEAVE HER ALONE!
BUT YOU MAY LIE BY CLASPING KIN'S LEASH AND COMMANDING HER TO ANSWER MY QUESTIONS, SHE'S FORCED TO TELL ME THE TRUTH. NO, IT'S BETTER TO
...ACK!
I SAID
NO
KK
K
SPLUSHH
KIN!

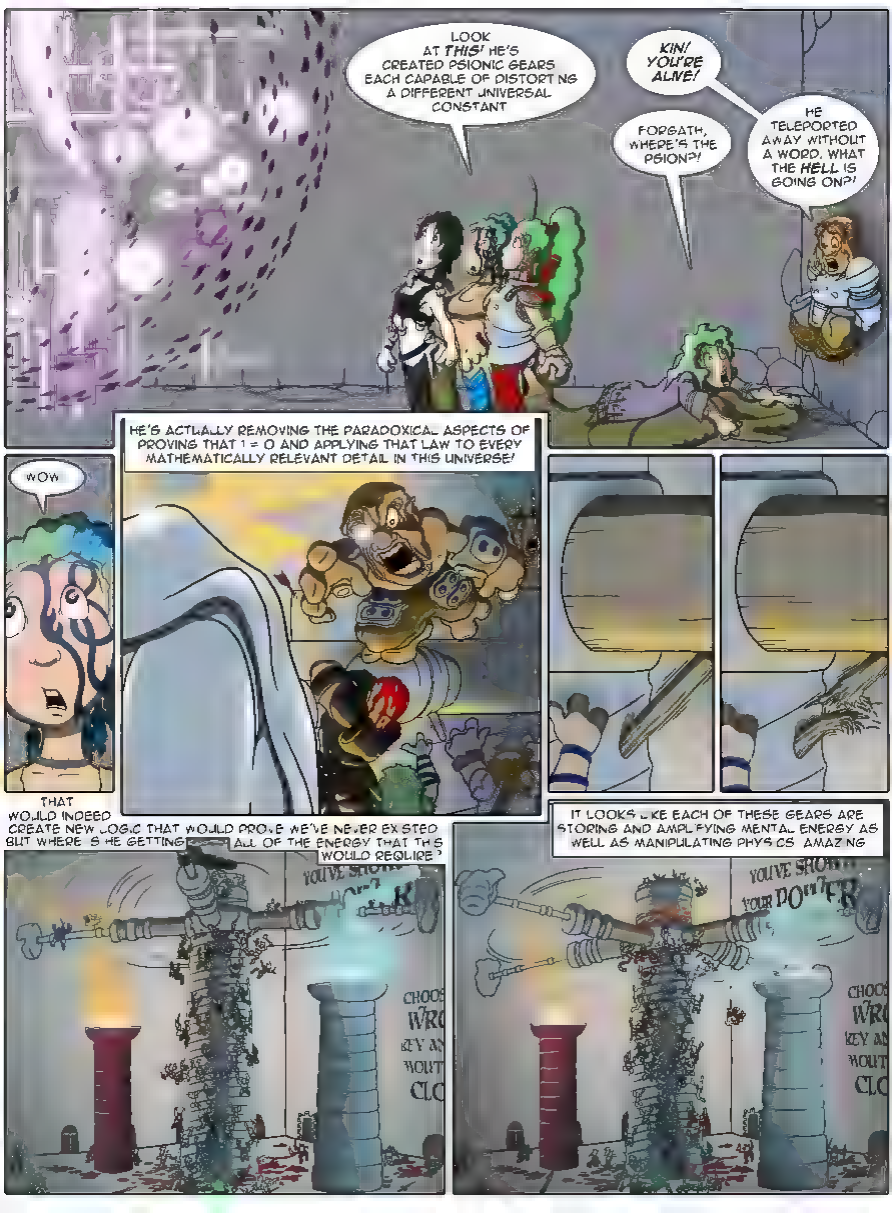
YOu
YOU SON OF A BITCH!
FORGATH ONE HUNDRED FIFTY SIX
UPON FURTHER THOUGHT, I THINK I WILL ACCEPT YOUR OFFER TO TELL ME HOW YOU GOT UP HERE
YOU CAN GO TO HELL!
AAH!
I'M TRYING TO GET US OUT OF HELL.


"OUT OF HELL"? WHAT ARE YOU *TALKING* ABOUT?! YOU'RE AN EVIL *LUNATIC!*
YOU REALLY SEE ME AS EVIL? WHY? I'M NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OF THIS PAIN. I DON'T CREATE THE LAWS OF PHYSICS. I DIDN'T ESTABLISH THE DETAILS OF SOCIAL INTERACTION IN SUCH A WAY AS TO INCLUDE THE ALL TOO COMMON OUTCOME OF VIOLENCE IN THE FACE OF DISAGREEMENT. I DIDN'T ENSURE THAT THE ORGANIC BODY WAS DESIGNED WITH SUCH SENSITIVE NERVE ENDINGS CAPABLE OF PRODUCING NIGHTMARISH WORLDS OF PHYSICAL PAIN.
I DIDN'T WRITE THE RULES
IN FACT, I HATE THE RULES. ALL I WANT, IS TO GET OUT OF THE WAY OF THIS CONFLICT BETWEEN CREATION AND DESTRUCTION BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL. I HAVE NO INTEREST IN TAKING SIDES OR PLAYING BY THESE HORRIFIC RULES. I SIMPLY WANT TO REMOVE MYSELF AND BY EXTENSION, THIS DUNGEON, FROM EXISTENCE. AND I BELIEVE THAT YOU MAY HAVE INFORMATION THAT CAN HELP ME DO THAT.
YOU THINK YOU'RE *NEUTRAL?!*
YOU KILLED KIN!
AND IN THE TIME THAT WE'VE BEEN TALKING, A DOZEN OTHERS HAVE DIED PAINFUL DEATHS IN THE TOWER ROOM BELOW US.
WHAT MAKES KIN ONE HUNDRED FIFTY SIX MORE IMPORTANT THAN THEM?
SHE WAS MY FRIEND, DAMMIT!
AND THAT GIVES HER MORE VALUE THAN ANY OTHER BEING IN EXISTENCE? I WONDER WHAT IT'S LIKE TO SEE YOURSELF WITH SUCH OMNIPOTENT IMPORTANCE.
HUFF
NNN'

THREE INSTANCES OF DIGRESSION. THREE UNEXPECTED DELAYS. THE FIRST CAME FROM MY FAILURE TO CALCULATE THE LOVE BETWEEN THAT M'NMAX AND KIN. THE SECOND WAS THE APPEARANCE OF THAT FORGATH AND KIN IN AN AREA I WAS SURE THEY COULD NOT REACH. THE THIRD IS THE AS YET UNEXPLAINED FLUCTUATION OF NON-EXISTENCE
SO IF YOU THINK YOU'RE SO AWESOME, WHY DON'T YOU FIGHT ME?!
SINCE THE FIRST TWO PROBLEMS ARE CONNECTED WITH REALITY ONE HUNDRED FIFTY SIX IT IS PROBABLE THAT THE THIRD IS AS WELL. I SUSPECT THAT BY FINDING AND OBSERVING M'NMAX ONE HUNDRED FIFTY SIX I'LL DISCOVER WHAT'S CAUSING THE FLUCTUATIONS
HEY! I'M TALKIN TO YOU!
THERE HE IS
HUFF HUFF
-1
GASP
-1
HUFF
-2
SOB
-2
TOK
-3

JUDGING BY YOUR CONDITION AND BY HOW MUCH YOU SEEM TO WANT THAT MUG, WE'RE GUESSING THERE'S SOME OF THAT HEALING POTION RIVER IN IT
WOW LOOK AT ALL THAT TREASURE
WHY?
WHY ARE YOU HELPING ME?
WE'RE TRYING TO FORM A GROUP KINS ONLY
WE'D LIKE YOU TO JOIN US
BUT YOU'RE ALL FROM DIFFERENT REALITIES WHEN THE MAZE RESTARTS, YOU'LL ALL BE SEPARATED
WE'RE WORKING ON A FIX FOR THAT THIS PLACE IS A POCKET UNIVERSE. MUCH SMALLER AND SIMPLER THAN A STANDARD UNIVERSE THAT MEANS THE PHYSICS WHICH GOVERN THE UNIVERSAL LAWS ARE SIMPLER SINCE WE KINS ARE GEN USES, WE CAN PUT OUR HEADS TOGETHER AND MAYBE REWRITE SOME OF THOSE LAWS
IF WE CAN FIGURE OUT HOW TO DO THAT, WE CAN ESTABLISH OURSELVES AS A GROUP. WE COULD ALSO MAKE IT SO WE REMEMBER EACH RUN THROUGH THE MAZE. THEN, WHEN WE'VE GATHERED ENOUGH XP AND LOOT, WE COULD EXIT TOGETHER, INTO ANY REALITY WE WANTED
SOMEONE IS ALREADY DOING THAT A PSIONIC VARIATION OF MINMAX EXCEPT HE PLANS TO THROW THIS PLACE AND EVERYONE IN IT, INTO OBLIVION. HE'S VERY POWERFUL.
HE STOLE MY FORGATH AND LIQUEFIED MY TAIL
REALLY
WELL, LET'S GO LIQUEFY SOMETHING OF HIS

THERE. THAT'S A TEMPORAL AND EXISTENTIAL DISTORTION
I'LL NEED TO OBTAIN THAT SWORD SO I CAN TAKE MEASUREMENTS AND FIND OLT HOW MUCH DAMAGE IT'S DONE TO MY CALCULATIONS
I CAN'T KILL FORSATH ONE HUNDRED FIFTY SIX YET AS I STILL NEED TO FIND OUT HOW HE REACHED THIS AREA. BUT THAT SWORD TAKES PRECEDENCE
I DETEST DIRECT COMBAT AND I LOATHE CLIMACTIC, "FINAL BATTLES"
STILL. WHAT MUST BE DONE MUST BE DONE
THWWIP
EH?
AW CRAP, IT'S YOU GUYS!
NO SIGN OF THE PSION, RUBY, BUT TAKE A LOOK AT THIS
I DON'T BELIEVE IT


LOOK AT THIS! HE'S CREATED PSIONIC GEARS EACH CAPABLE OF DISTORTING A DIFFERENT UNIVERSAL CONSTANT
KIN! YOU'RE ALIVE!
FORGATH, WHERE'S THE PSION?!
HE TELEPORTED AWAY WITHOUT A WORD. WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?!
HE'S ACTUALLY REMOVING THE PARADOXICAL ASPECTS OF PROVING THAT 1 = 0 AND APPLYING THAT LAW TO EVERY MATHEMATICALLY RELEVANT DETAIL IN THIS UNIVERSE!
WOW
THAT WOULD INDEED CREATE NEW LOGIC THAT WOULD PROVE WE'VE NEVER EXISTED BUT WHERE IS HE GETTING [redacted] ALL OF THE ENERGY THAT THIS WOULD REQUIRE?
IT LOOKS LIKE EACH OF THESE GEARS ARE STORING AND AMPLIFYING MENTAL ENERGY AS WELL AS MANIPULATING PHYSICS AMAZING

THE PSION WILL NEED OBLIVIOUS
WHAT?
THAT SENTENCE MAKES NO SENSE
OBLIVIOUS IS A SWORD BELONGING TO MY MINMAX. THE PSION WILL NEED IT TO CALCULATE HOW MUCH IT HAS AFFECTED NON-EXISTENCE NORMALLY, IT CAN'T BE STOLEN, BUT I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF THE PSION CAN BEND THIS UNIVERSE, CAUSING OBLIVIOUS TO BELONG TO HIM
IF MINMAX SUMMONS THAT SWORD, WE'RE ALL DOOMED
AAAH!
AAAAH!
KHHOOOOW
UH!
OOF!
HELLO, MINMAX ONE HUNDRED FIFTY SIX REMEMBER ME?

KKKK
KK
BROW!
BROWWWW!
SFLISHK
CLUNK
UH!
DRAW YOUR SWORD MINMAX ONE HUNDRED FIFTY SIX IT'S THE ONLY WAY YOU'RE GOING TO DEFEAT ME
CHK-LUNK

THERE HAS TO BE A WAY TO COMMUNICATE WITH HIM!
WE'RE WORKING ON IT!
FWUSH
MINMAX!
THE PURPLE ARMED ALT IS TRYING TO DESTROY EVERYONE IN THE MAZE AND HE NEEDS OBLIVIOUS TO DO IT! DON'T SUMMON YOUR SWORD! IF HE SUCCEEDS, WE'RE ALL GONE FOREVER! NO ONE WILL RESET AFTER THIS!
SO SHE'S ALIVE AND HAS MANAGED TO UPSET AT LEAST ELEVEN MINOR VARIABLES. BUT IT'S NOTHING I CAN'T EASILY .

CLANK
CLANG
CLUNK
SPLASH

THAT PSION IS GROSSLY OVER POWERED
YOUR MINMAX WON'T BE ABLE TO DEFEAT HIM
YOU DON'T KNOW MY MINMAX
WHERE DID HE GO?
PHAAA!
CRUSHING
CLAW
SKULLS
YEAH. YEAH, NO. YOU WERE RIGHT HE'S GOING TO LOSE
HOW CAN HIS POWER BE SO LIMITLESS? HE HAS NO WEAKNESS
HE DOES LOOK AT HIS PSIONIC SEARS HE'S FUNNELED ALL OF HIS WEAKNESSES INTO ONE POINT AND TRANSLATED IT INTO MATHEMATICS
BUT THAT WOULD AMPLIFY HIS WEAKNESSES MANY TIMES LIKE SUNLIGHT THROUGH A MAGNIFYING GLASS
YES. BUT LIKE A MAGNIFYING GLASS IT CONCENTRATES HIS WEAKNESSES INTO ONE SMALL SPOT IN THIS CASE A NUMBER
SO TO DO DAMAGE TO HIM, ALL ANYONE HAS TO DO IS ATTACK HIM IN A MANNER THAT DIRECTLY CONNECTS TO THAT NUMBER
YES
SO WHAT'S THE NUMBER?
...
WELL?
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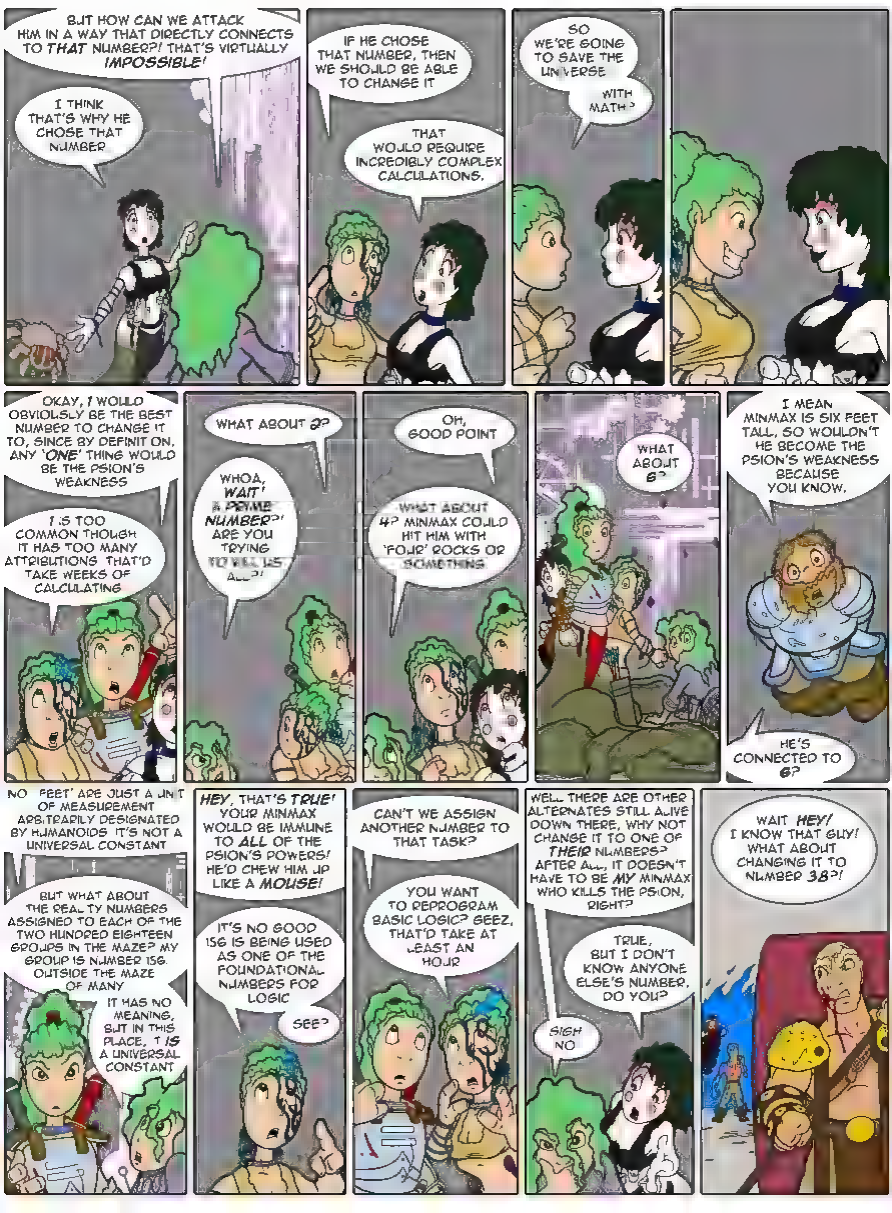
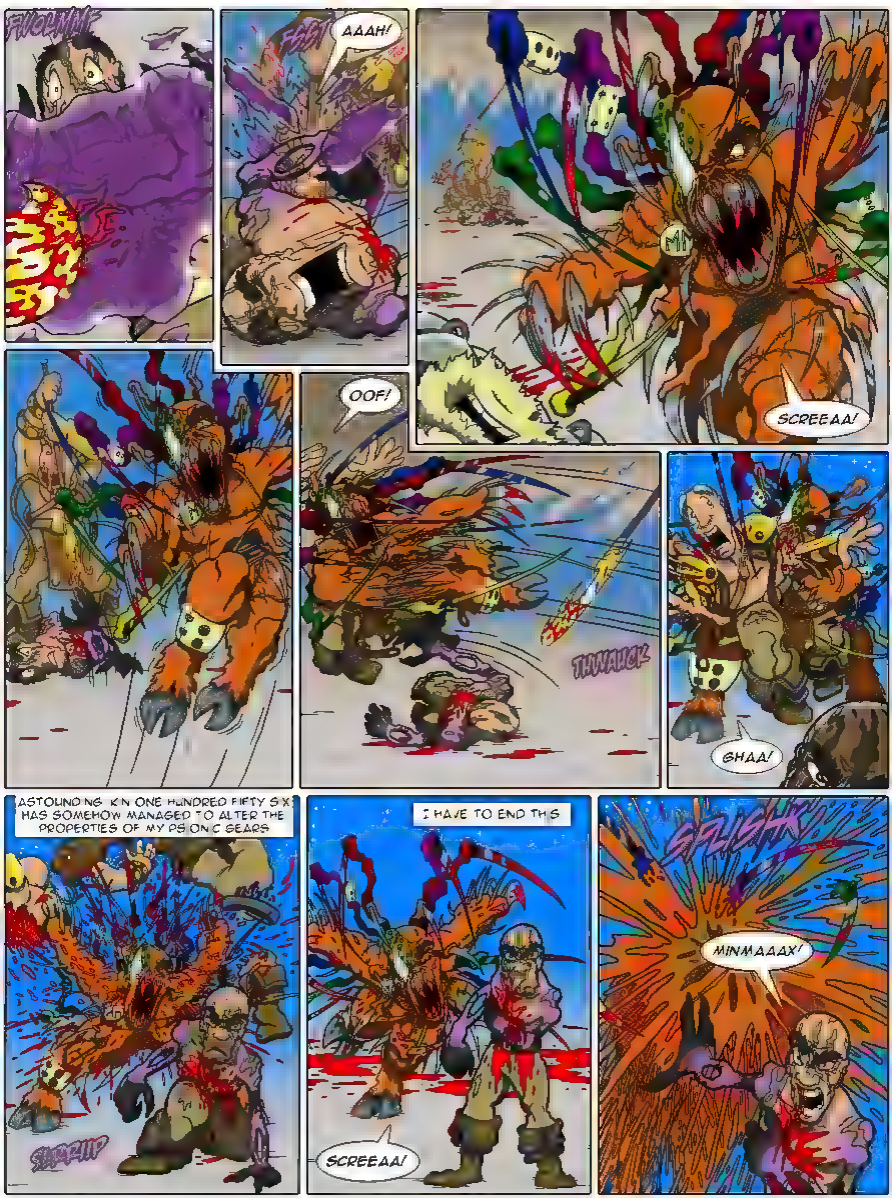

BUT HOW CAN WE ATTACK HIM IN A WAY THAT DIRECTLY CONNECTS TO THAT NUMBER?! THAT'S VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE!
I THINK THAT'S WHY HE CHOSE THAT NUMBER
IF HE CHOSE THAT NUMBER, THEN WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO CHANGE IT
THAT WOULD REQUIRE INCREDIBLY COMPLEX CALCULATIONS.
SO WE'RE GOING TO SAVE THE UNIVERSE WITH MATH?
OKAY, 1 WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE THE BEST NUMBER TO CHANGE IT TO, SINCE BY DEFINITION, ANY 'ONE' THING WOULD BE THE PSION'S WEAKNESS
1 IS TOO COMMON THOUGH IT HAS TOO MANY ATTRIBUTIONS THAT'D TAKE WEEKS OF CALCULATING
WHAT ABOUT 2?
WHOA, WAIT! A PRIME NUMBER?! ARE YOU TRYING TO KILL US ALL?!
OH, GOOD POINT
WHAT ABOUT 4? MINMAX COULD HIT HIM WITH 'FOUR' ROCKS OR SOMETHING
WHAT ABOUT 8?
I MEAN MINMAX IS SIX FEET TALL, SO WOULDN'T HE BECOME THE PSION'S WEAKNESS BECAUSE YOU KNOW.
HE'S CONNECTED TO 6?
NO 'FEET' ARE JUST A UNIT OF MEASUREMENT ARBITRARILY DESIGNATED BY HUMANOIDS IT'S NOT A UNIVERSAL CONSTANT
BUT WHAT ABOUT THE REAL TY NUMBERS ASSIGNED TO EACH OF THE TWO HUNDRED EIGHTEEN GROUPS IN THE MAZE? MY GROUP IS NUMBER 156 OUTSIDE THE MAZE OF MANY
IT HAS NO MEANING, BUT IN THIS PLACE, 1 IS A UNIVERSAL CONSTANT
HEY, THAT'S TRUE! YOUR MINMAX WOULD BE IMMUNE TO ALL OF THE PSION'S POWERS! HE'D CHEW HIM UP LIKE A MOUSE!
IT'S NO GOOD 156 IS BEING USED AS ONE OF THE FOUNDATIONAL NUMBERS FOR LOGIC
SEE?
CAN'T WE ASSIGN ANOTHER NUMBER TO THAT TASK?
YOU WANT TO REPROGRAM BASIC LOGIC? GEEZ, THAT'D TAKE AT LEAST AN HOUR
WELL THERE ARE OTHER ALTERNATES STILL ALIVE DOWN THERE, WHY NOT CHANGE IT TO ONE OF THEIR NUMBERS? AFTER ALL, IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE MY MINMAX WHO KILLS THE PSION, RIGHT?
TRUE, BUT I DON'T KNOW ANYONE ELSE'S NUMBER, DO YOU?
SIGH NO
WAIT HEY! I KNOW THAT GUY! WHAT ABOUT CHANGING IT TO NUMBER 38?!

38?
YES, WE CAN DO THAT
HURRY! CHANGE IT NOW!
WE'RE TRYING! STOP YELLING AT US!
SUMMON IT, MINMAX ONE HUNDRED FIFTY SIX SUMMON YOUR SWORD SO THAT YOU MAY DIE AS A WARRIOR
CLICK
DONE!
THERE IS NO WAY YOU CAN...
FAST
AAAAH!
RAAAH!
THUMP


FWOOMM
AAAH!
SCREEAA!
OOF!
THWACK
GHAA!
ASTOUNDING. IN ONE HUNDRED FIFTY SIX HAS SOMEHOW MANAGED TO ALTER THE PROPERTIES OF MY PSIONIC GEARS
SHAZZ!!?
I HAVE TO END THIS
SCREEAA!
SFLICK
MNMAAAX!

RAAH!
CLANK
SPLASH
ENOUGH SUMMON YOUR SWORD
NO! YOU'RE GONNA DO SOMETHING WEIRD AND PSIONIC WITH IT!
CLUNK
YOU'VE LOST, MINMAX ONE HUNDRED FIFTY SIX
DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
IF WE WERE PLAYING CHESS, THIS S WHERE I'D SAY "CHECKMATE" NOW SUMMON YOUR SWORD
NNYAAAAH!
WOW!
IT SAYS HERE THAT HE KNOWS 38 WAYS TO KILL A GUY USING ONLY HIS THUMB...
AAH!
FOOT
KKAH !
KK !
CAPAAK!
HUFF
HUFF
-10
WHAT THE HELL S CHESS?

YAAY!
WOOHOO!
YEAH!
SO CAN I GET DOWN NOW?
HOW DID HE DO IT?
I DON'T KNOW! THERE MUST BE A CONNECTION TO 38 THAT WE'RE NOT AWARE OF
THIS DWARF WOULD LIKE TO GET OUT OF THE AIR NOW
SO CAN WE TELEPORT MINMAX UP HERE?
I THINK SO THIS PIECE SEEMS OUT OF PLACE, BUT IS CONNECTED TO TELEPORTATION
NO, THAT PIECE IS CONNECTED TO TELEPORTATION AND RECONSTRUCTION WHAT'S IT FOR?
I DON'T KNOW
AAAAAH!
GET IT OFF GET IT OFF! GET IT OFF GET IT OFF! IT WANTS TO EAT ME!
OH, THAT'S JUST SYMUN HE USED TO BELONG TO THE FORGATH IN MY REALITY HE MUST THINK YOU'RE HIM
EW EW EW! HE'S LICKING MY FACE! WAIT, DO SPIDERS EVEN HAVE TONGUES?!
NO, THEY DON'T
THEN WHAT THE HELL IS HE LICKING ME WITH?!
HERE YOU GO, FORGATH
TH-KLANG
EW EW EW EW!
THERE. THAT GEAR SHOULD BRING YOUR MINMAX UP HERE

I CAN REACH IT I'LL TELEPORT HIM UP HERE
HAVE YOU GOT THE MATH RIGHT?
OF COURSE I'VE GOT THE MATH RIGHT I'M NOT AN IDIOT MINMAX ISE TELEPORTED FROM HIS CURRENT POSITION TO POSITION ZERO
SIMPLE
ZERO IS YOUR POSITION THAT WOULD FUSE THE TWO OF YOU TOGETHER KILLING YOU BOTH
POSITION THREE
THHHK
HEH? WHA?
HEY! IT'S THE ALT KIN WITH THE BLUE FACE TATTOO FROM BEFORE!
IT'S ALL THE ALT KINS FROM BEFORE! ROLL FOR INITIATIVE!
THWUMP

GET OFF ME!
THEY'RE ON OUR SIDE NOW, YOU JACKASS! THEY'RE OFFERING US SUPPORT!
LET'S NOT BE CRAZY, DWARF. THE SILKSCALE CLAN DOES NOT "SUPPORT" HUMANS AND THE LIKE. WE'RE SIMPLY DECIDING NOT TO KILL YOU, FOR NOW
LET'S NOT FORGET THAT YOU LEFT US TO THOSE ZOMBIES
OH, I'M SORRY, DID WE NOT REACT PROPERLY WHEN YOU WERE TRYING TO KILL US? WHAT'S THE PROPER PROTOCOL?! AS YOU'RE STABBING US, WE GIVE YOU CAKE AND BACK RUBS?!
REMEMBER ME?
KIN?
HI
WHAT
YOUR TAIL
OH NO
THE PSION? BUT, BUT WHEN DID HE OH NO NO
IT IS OKAY
THAT DAMNED
I'M GONNA I
MINMAX, IT'S OKAY.
LOOK AT ME
HEY
HEY LOOK AT ME
IT'S OKAY IT'S GOING TO BE ALRIGHT

LOOK, THIS IS CUTE AND ALL, BUT ONLY ONE GROUP GETS TO ENTER THAT BLUE CIRCLE AND WIN THE RACE SO WHICH OF US IS GOING TO
FWHHHH
THE HELL WAS THAT?
HEY!
I'VE GOT MY BEARD BACK!
HEY! I USED TO HAVE A BEARD! HOW THE HELL DID I FORGET THAT I USED TO HAVE A BEARD?!
OH YEAH. I TOTALLY FORGOT ABOUT YOUR BEARD I DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE WHEN YOU CUT IT
I DIDN'T CUT IT!
YOU MUST HAVE LOST IT IN AN OBLIVION HOLE, CAUSING US TO LOSE ALL MEMORY OF IT
I KNEW IT THAT EXPLAINS THE RECONSTRUCTION ASPECT OF THIS SET OF GEARS IT'LL HEAL HIT POINTS AND EVEN REPLACE MISSING BODY PARTS OR SEVERELY SCARRED TISSUE WITH NEWLY CREATED MATTER SEE THESE FUNNELING RODS? THEY'RE OBVIOUSLY DESIGNED TO USE THE TARGET'S INDIVIDUAL MAGIC EFFECT AS AN ENERGY SOURCE GENIUS
HMMM. IT LOOKS LIKE THE NEWLY CREATED MATTER IS MUCH MORE DENSE I BET IT'S ALMOST IMPERVIOUS TO PHYSICAL DAMAGE BUT WHY IS THIS HERE?
DID YOU HEAR THAT? YOU GOTTA TOUCH THAT THING AND GET YOUR TAIL BACK!
HANG ON, THOUGH WHEN FORGATH TOUCHED IT HE STARTED SOME KIND OF COUNTDOWN SEE? THESE BITS ARE SPINNING CLOSER AND CLOSER TO THE CENTER AND I'M NOT SURE WHY LET'S NOT
SHE'S GETTING HER TAIL BACK WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR
FWHAAASH!
WHAT
WHAT JUST HAPPENED?
WHY DOES EVERYONE LOOK PURPLE-ISH?

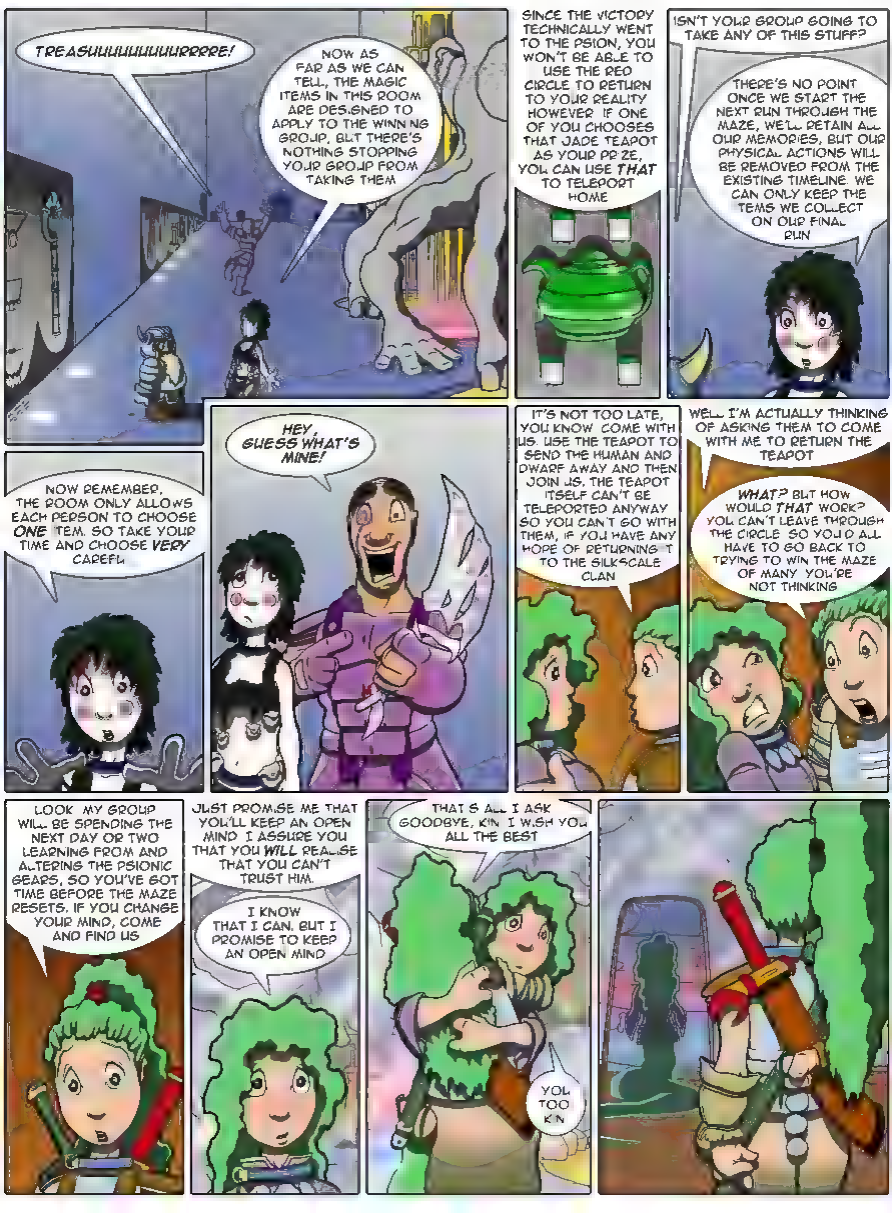
LOOK! SEE? THE BITS ARE SPINNING EVEN FASTER NOW COUNTING DOWN TO . I DON'T KNOW WHAT
IT COULD BE COUNTING DOWN TO THE DEACTIVATION OF THE DEVICE ITSELF IF WE WAIT, I MAY LOSE MY CHANCE TO GET MY TAIL BACK
THAT'S POSSIBLE EVEN SO THAT'S A RISK I'M WILLING TO TAKE
FWWWAAASH
HA HA!
OOF
MAY I SPEAK PRIVATELY WITH YOU FOR A MOMENT?

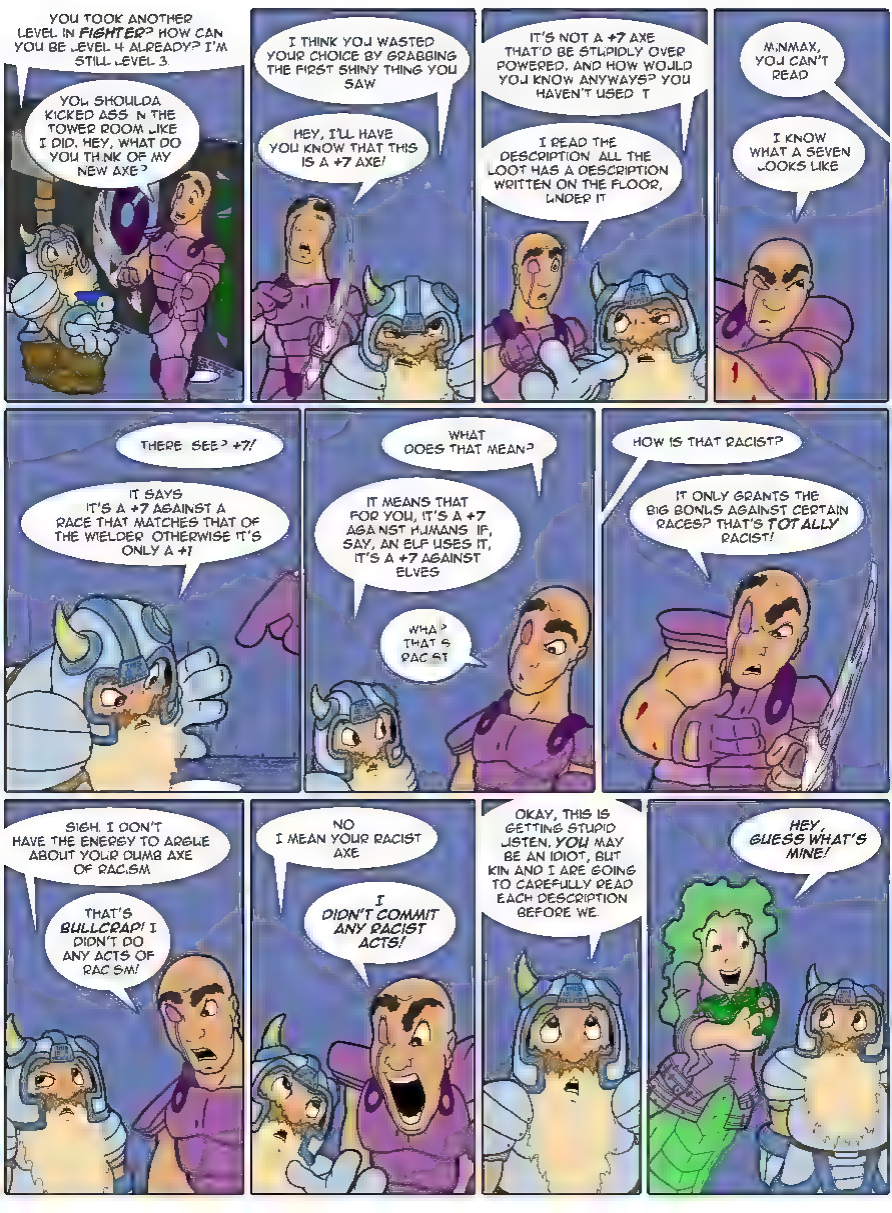
I'M GOING TO SAY "STOP TH.S" AND YOU'RE GOING TO ASK "STOP WHAT". DESPITE THE OBVIOUS FACT THAT WE'LL BOTH KNOW WHAT I'M REFERING TO. LET'S BYPASS THAT PART
YOU WEAR THE SAME COLLAR I DO, SO I'M ASSUMING THAT YOU'VE GONE THROUGH THE SAME TORTURES THAT I HAVE. JOIN OUR PARTY AND STOP NORMALIZING THAT. RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HUMAN
THEY CALL YOU RUBY, RIGHT? TO AVOID CONFUSION? WELL RUBY, I THINK YOU'RE OVER-SIMPLIFYING AND LOOKING AT MY SITUATION THROUGH AN EMOTIONAL FILTER MINMAX IS NOT LIKE
IF YOU SAY "HE'S NOT LIKE OTHER HUMANS", I THINK BOTH OF MY STOMACHS ARE GOING TO THROW UP. HE *WILL* TURN ON YOU.
I CAN TRUST HIM
HOW COULD YOU POSSIBLY KNOW THAT?
BECAUSE OF *THIS* WHEN HE GAVE ME TH.S, I KNEW THAT FOR WHATEVER REASON, MY HAPPINESS HELD IMPORTANCE FOR HIM
OH, YOU HAVE *GOT* TO BE KIDDING ME. LISTEN, GET AWAY FROM HIM WHILE YOU CAN. WE'VE *BOTH* SURVIVED WHAT DELLYN DID TO US. SO...
NO, *I'VE* SURVIVED *I'M* HEALING WHILE YOU'RE FEEDING YOUR HATRED FOR DELLYN'S RACE LIKE YOU'RE PICKING AT AN INFECTED WOUND
SIGH
LOOK
I THINK WE'RE BOTH ON THE SAME SIDE WE'RE JUST DIFFERENT
YES
WE *ARE* DIFFERENT
I WEAR ONE COLLAR THAT CAN CONTROL MY ACTIONS
YOU WEAR *TWO*

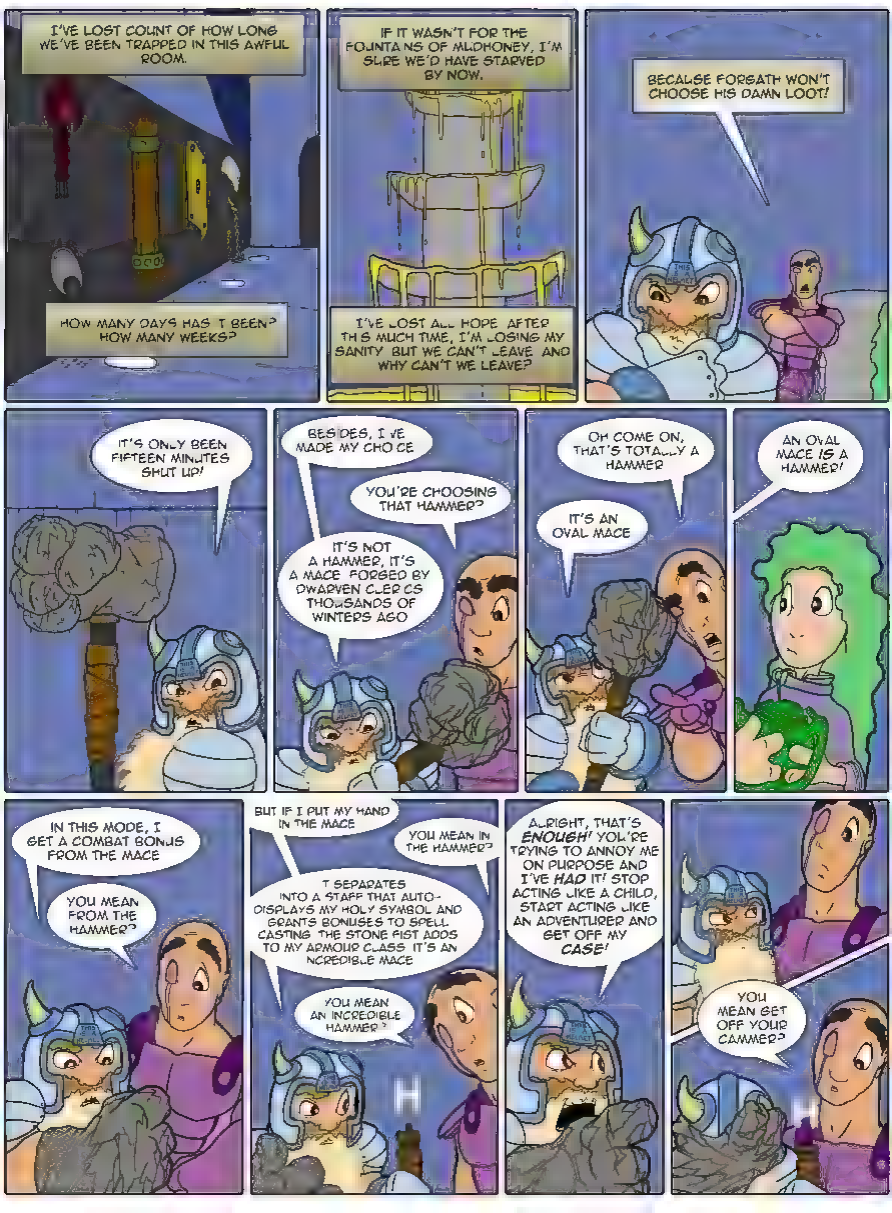
WE STILL HAVEN'T WORKED OUT WHO GETS TO WIN THE RACE
YOU GUYS ARE GOING TO WIN THIS ONE
SERIOUSLY? JUST LIKE THAT? YOU'RE JUST GOING TO GIVE IT TO US?
WELL SAPPHIRE IS USING THE PSIONIC GEARS TO TRICK THE MAZE INTO THINKING THAT THE THREE OF US ALL COME FROM THE SAME REALITY. SHE'S ALSO ARRANGED IT SO WE'LL KEEP ALL MEMORY OF EACH RUN THROUGH, FROM THIS POINT ON. THIS WILL ALLOW US TO RUN THE MAZE AS MANY TIMES AS WE LIKE AND LEVEL UP QUITE A BIT BEFORE LEAVING THIS PLACE
I'VE ALSO SWITCHED THE MAZE RESET FROM AUTOMATIC TO MANUAL. THIS WILL GIVE US MORE CONTROL OF THE PLACE
HEY, LOOK WE DON'T NEED YOUR PITY, OKAY?
YES YOU DO I LOOKED IT UP YOU GUYS HAVE FAILED ONE MILLION, NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY TWO THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY ONE TIMES
THAT'S LIKE REALLY AWFUL
TAKE THE PITY WIN
BUT WHAT ABOUT THE GLASS WALL? THE PSION DESTROYED THE KEYS
NO PROBLEM, I'VE GOT A COUPLE OF THEM IN ONE OF MY BAGS OF MOULDING
"MOULDING"?
BAGS OF MYSTERY HOLDING
THESE KEYS ARE PEPPERED ALL OVER THE MAZE, ALONG WITH HINTS THAT YOU MAY NEED THEM LATER. YOU GUYS DIDN'T SEE ANY OF THESE WHEN YOU WERE DUNGEON CRAWLING?
NO

SHUCK
SWWWISH
SO I GUESS THIS IS GOODBYE. HEY, AFTER WE KILL THESE GOBLINS WE'RE CHASING, MAYBE WE'LL SWING BY THE MAZE OF MANY AND SAY HI SOME DAY
WHAT? NO ONE CAN EVER COME BACK INTO THE MAZE ONCE THEY'VE LEFT
YEAH. THE MAZE EXISTS IN ONE SEGMENT OF TIME. IF YOU RE-ENTER, YOU'D BE IN IT TWICE AT ONCE. YOU'D BECOME A REDUNDANT REALITY AND POOF OUT OF EXISTENCE
FWHAAAAASH
THAT'S WHAT THE DEVICE WAS COUNTING DOWN TO!
YOU!
SO A COLLABORATION THIS IS HOW YOU WERE ABLE TO STEAL CONTROL OF MY PSIONIC GEARS
WELL I'LL BE TAKING CONTROL BACK NOW

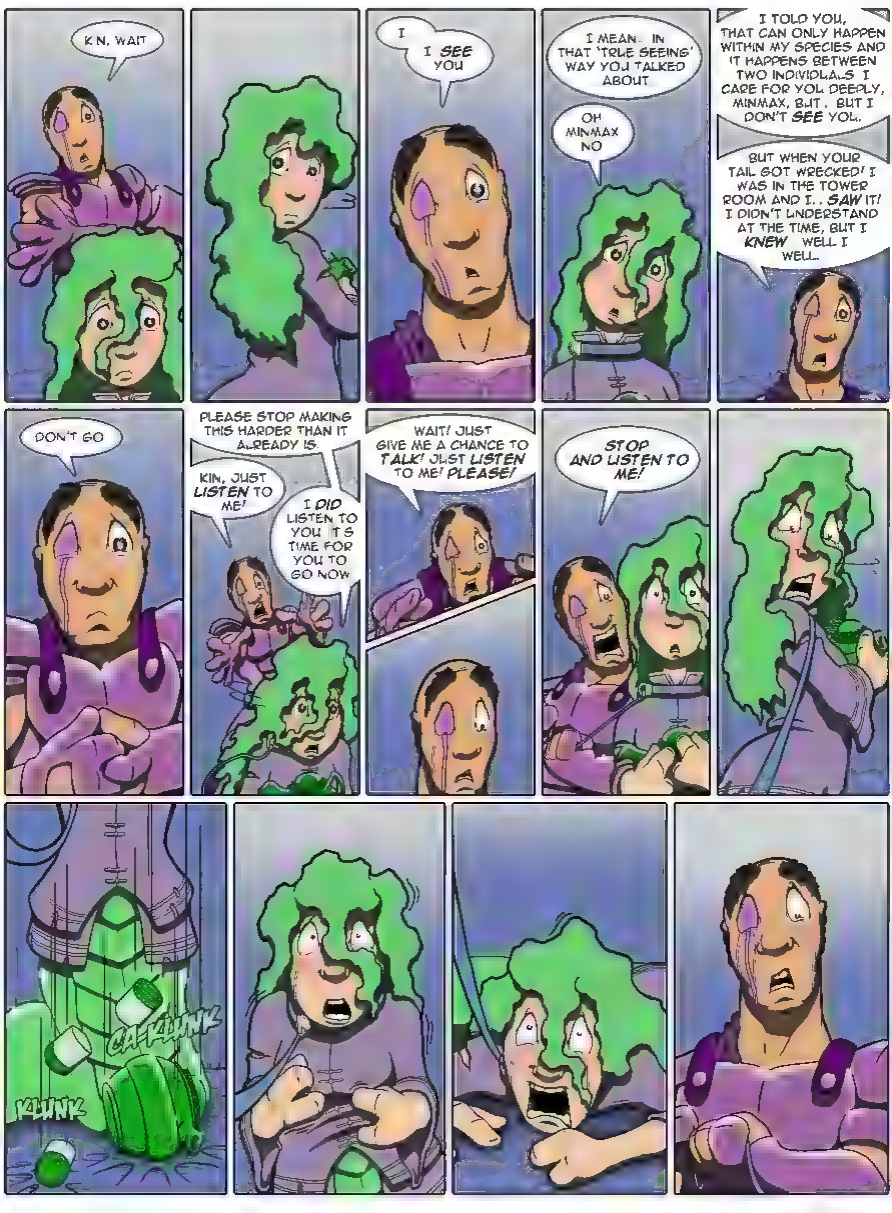
THE HELL YOU ARE! EVEN IN THE SIMPLIFIED PHYSICS OF THIS POCKET DIMENSION, RESURRECTION WILL HAVE LEFT YOU PSIONICALLY EXHAUSTED WE CAN KICK YOUR ASS
INDEED, YOU COULD. BUT THE PURPOSE OF THE RESURRECTION, AS A PRE-ESTABLISHED SECURITY MEASURE, IS TO GATHER INFORMATION. NOW THAT I KNOW HOW MY "DEATH" OCCURRED, I CAN REGAIN CONTROL OF MY GEARS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE MAZE IS RESET. I'LL UNDO ANY CHANGES YOU'VE MADE TO MY SETUP AND MAKE CERTAIN THAT THIS CAN'T HAPPEN AGAIN. FRANKLY, I FIND IT SHOCKING THAT WITH YOUR COMBINED INTELLECT, YOU NEVER CONSIDERED THAT I WOULD HAVE TAKEN STEPS TO PREVENT ANYONE FROM TAKING CONTROL OF SOMETHING AS POWERFUL AS MY PSIONIC GEARS
BUT "KICK MY ASS" IF YOU LIKE. FEEL FREE TO KILL ME. OR DON'T. IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE BECAUSE I'LL SUCCEED AFTER THE MAZE RESET. AND IF YOU OR SOMEONE LIKE YOU STOPS ME, I'LL SIMPLY SUCCEED AFTER THE RESET AFTER THAT. YOU WILL HAVE FORGOTTEN THESE EVENTS AFTER THE RESET, BUT I WILL. REMEMBER. THERE'S NO LIMIT TO THE NUMBER OF TIMES I CAN IMPROVE MY TACTICS AND SO THERE'S NO CHANCE OF FAILURE. I WILL THRUST THIS PLACE AND EVERYONE IN IT INTO TRUE OBLIVION. SO YOU SEE, NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO, I WILL WIN, EVENTUALLY
NO
YOU WIN NOW
DING
CONGRATULATIONS! YOU HAVE WON THE MAZE OF MANY!
DING
CONGRATULATIONS! YOU HAVE SELECTED YOUR MAGICAL TREASURE AND WILL NOW BE SAFELY RETURNED TO YOUR REALITY!
NOOOOOOOOOO


TREASUUUUUUUUUURRRE!
NOW AS FAR AS WE CAN TELL, THE MAGIC ITEMS IN THIS ROOM ARE DES.GNED TO APPLY TO THE WINN NG GROUP, BUT THERE'S NOTHING STOPPING YOUR GROUP FROM TAKING THEM
SINCE THE VICTORY TECHNICALLY WENT TO THE PSION, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO USE THE RED CIRCLE TO RETURN TO YOUR REALITY HOWEVER IF ONE OF YOU CHOOSES THAT JADE TEAPOT AS YOUR PRIZE, YOU CAN USE THAT TO TELEPORT HOME
ISN'T YOUR GROUP GOING TO TAKE ANY OF THIS STUFF?
THERE'S NO POINT ONCE WE START THE NEXT RUN THROUGH THE MAZE, WE'LL RETAIN ALL OUR MEMORIES, BUT OUR PHYSICAL ACTIONS WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE EXISTING TIMELINE. WE CAN ONLY KEEP THE ITEMS WE COLLECT ON OUR FINAL RUN
NOW REMEMBER, THE ROOM ONLY ALLOWS EACH PERSON TO CHOOSE ONE ITEM. SO TAKE YOUR TIME AND CHOOSE VERY CAREFUL
HEY, GUESS WHAT'S MINE!
IT'S NOT TOO LATE, YOU KNOW. COME WITH US. USE THE TEAPOT TO SEND THE HUMAN AND DWARF AWAY AND THEN JOIN US. THE TEAPOT ITSELF CAN'T BE TELEPORTED ANYWAY SO YOU CAN'T GO WITH THEM, IF YOU HAVE ANY HOPE OF RETURNING IT TO THE SILKSCALE CLAN
WELL I'M ACTUALLY THINKING OF ASKING THEM TO COME WITH ME TO RETURN THE TEAPOT
WHAT? BUT HOW WOULD THAT WORK? YOU CAN'T LEAVE THROUGH THE CIRCLE SO YOU'D ALL HAVE TO GO BACK TO TRYING TO WIN THE MAZE OF MANY YOU'RE NOT THINKING
LOOK MY GROUP WILL BE SPENDING THE NEXT DAY OR TWO LEARNING FROM AND ALTERING THE PSIONIC GEARS, SO YOU'VE GOT TIME BEFORE THE MAZE RESETS. IF YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND, COME AND FIND US
JUST PROMISE ME THAT YOU'LL KEEP AN OPEN MIND. I ASSURE YOU THAT YOU WILL REALISE THAT YOU CAN'T TRUST HIM.
I KNOW THAT I CAN. BUT I PROMISE TO KEEP AN OPEN MIND
THAT'S ALL I ASK. GOODBYE, KIN. I WISH YOU ALL THE BEST
YOU TOO KIN


YOU TOOK ANOTHER LEVEL IN FIGHTER? HOW CAN YOU BE LEVEL 4 ALREADY? I'M STILL LEVEL 3.
YOU SHOULDA KICKED ASS IN THE TOWER ROOM LIKE I DID. HEY, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF MY NEW AXE?
I THINK YOU WASTED YOUR CHOICE BY GRABBING THE FIRST SHINY THING YOU SAW
HEY, I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW THAT THIS IS A +7 AXE!
IT'S NOT A +7 AXE THAT'D BE STUPIDLY OVER POWERED. AND HOW WOULD YOU KNOW ANYWAYS? YOU HAVEN'T USED IT
I READ THE DESCRIPTION ALL THE LOOT HAS A DESCRIPTION WRITTEN ON THE FLOOR, UNDER IT
MINMAX, YOU CAN'T READ
I KNOW WHAT A SEVEN LOOKS LIKE
THERE SEE? +7!
IT SAYS IT'S A +7 AGAINST A RACE THAT MATCHES THAT OF THE WIELDER OTHERWISE IT'S ONLY A +1
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
IT MEANS THAT FOR YOU, IT'S A +7 AGAINST HUMANS IF, SAY, AN ELF USES IT, IT'S A +7 AGAINST ELVES
WHAT? THAT'S RACIST
HOW IS THAT RACIST?
IT ONLY GRANTS THE BIG BONUS AGAINST CERTAIN RACES? THAT'S TOTALLY RACIST!
SIGH. I DON'T HAVE THE ENERGY TO ARGUE ABOUT YOUR DUMB AXE OF RACISM
THAT'S BULLCRAP! I DIDN'T DO ANY ACTS OF RACISM!
NO I MEAN YOUR RACIST AXE
I DIDN'T COMMIT ANY RACIST ACTS!
OKAY, THIS IS GETTING STUPID LISTEN, YOU MAY BE AN IDIOT, BUT KIN AND I ARE GOING TO CAREFULLY READ EACH DESCRIPTION BEFORE WE
HEY, GUESS WHAT'S MINE!


I'VE LOST COUNT OF HOW LONG WE'VE BEEN TRAPPED IN THIS AWFUL ROOM.
HOW MANY DAYS HAS T BEEN? HOW MANY WEEKS?
IF IT WASN'T FOR THE FOUNTAINS OF MILDHONEY, I'M SURE WE'D HAVE STARVED BY NOW.
I'VE LOST ALL HOPE AFTER THIS MUCH TIME, I'M LOSING MY SANITY BUT WE CAN'T LEAVE AND WHY CAN'T WE LEAVE?
BECAUSE FORGATH WON'T CHOOSE HIS DAMN LOOT!
IT'S ONLY BEEN FIFTEEN MINUTES SHUT UP!
BESIDES, I'VE MADE MY CHOICE
YOU'RE CHOOSING THAT HAMMER?
IT'S NOT A HAMMER, IT'S A MACE FORGED BY DWARVEN CLERICS THOUSANDS OF WINTERS AGO
OH COME ON, THAT'S TOTALLY A HAMMER
IT'S AN OVAL MACE
AN OVAL MACE IS A HAMMER!
IN THIS MODE, I GET A COMBAT BONUS FROM THE MACE
YOU MEAN FROM THE HAMMER?
BUT IF I PUT MY HAND IN THE MACE
YOU MEAN IN THE HAMMER?
IT SEPARATES INTO A STAFF THAT AUTO-DISPLAYS MY HOLY SYMBOL AND GRANTS BONUSES TO SPELL CASTING. THE STONE FIST ADDS TO MY ARMOUR CLASS. IT'S AN INCREDIBLE MACE
YOU MEAN AN INCREDIBLE HAMMER?
ALRIGHT, THAT'S ENOUGH! YOU'RE TRYING TO ANNOY ME ON PURPOSE AND I'VE HAD IT! STOP ACTING LIKE A CHILD, START ACTING LIKE AN ADVENTURER AND GET OFF MY CASE!
YOU MEAN GET OFF YOUR CAMMER?

WHY DON'T YOU JUST CALL IT 'THE HAMMACE'?
FINE. IT'S THE HAMMACE WHATEVER
SO
SO.
LISTEN, I KNOW WE'RE SUPPOSED TO SPLIT UP NOW, BUT I WAS THINKING UM WHY DON'T YOU COME WITH US? WE'RE GOING TO BATTLE SOME EVIL GOBLINS AND SAVE THE WORLD T'S GOING TO BE AWESOME
ACTUALLY, I WAS WONDERING IF MAYBE YOU'D LIKE TO COME WITH. WEL.... THIS IS DIFFICULT TO ASK
YOU CAN ASK ME ANYTHING YOU TRUST ME RIGHT?
YES I TRUST YOU MINMAX
BUT WHY DO I TRUST YOU?
WHAT?
MAYBE WE'RE RUSHING INTO SOMETHING DANGEROUS MAYBE WE SHOULD STICK WITH OUR ORIGINAL PLAN
HUH?
MINMAX, YOU'RE AN AMAZING HUMAN BEING THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING. I'M GOING TO BREW UP THE MAGICAL TEA SO YOU AND FORSATH CAN DRINK T AND TELEPORT TO WHERE YOU NEED TO GO I THINK THAT'S SAFEST


K'N, WAIT
I
I SEE YOU
I MEAN. IN THAT 'TELE SEEING' WAY YOU TALKED ABOUT
OH MINMAX NO
I TOLD YOU, THAT CAN ONLY HAPPEN WITHIN MY SPECIES AND IT HAPPENS BETWEEN TWO INDIVIDUALS I CARE FOR YOU. DEEPLY, MINMAX, BUT. BUT I DON'T SEE YOU.
BUT WHEN YOUR TAIL GOT WRECKED! I WAS IN THE TOWER ROOM AND I.. SAW IT! I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND AT THE TIME, BUT I KNEW WELL I WELL...
DON'T GO
PLEASE STOP MAKING THIS HARDER THAN IT ALREADY IS
K'N, JUST LISTEN TO ME!
I DID LISTEN TO YOU. IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO GO NOW
WAIT! JUST GIVE ME A CHANCE TO TALK! JUST LISTEN TO ME! PLEASE!
STOP AND LISTEN TO ME!
CLANK
KLUNK

OH GODS I...
KIN I M SORRY HERE
UM.
TAKE THE LEASH
KIN KIN I AM SO SOR
THWAP
HUMAN!

LATER
CA-CHICK
SO DID YOU TALK TO HER? DID YOU TELL HER I'M SORRY? WHAT DID SHE SAY? IS SHE COMING WITH US?
CLICK
SHE'S ACTIVATED THE TEAPOT AND IT'S MAGICALLY BREWING THE TEA RIGHT NOW. WE'RE GOING TO DRINK IT AND TELEPORT TO THE GOBLINS. KIN WILL TAKE A DIFFERENT PATH
BUT DID
DID YOU TELL HER I'M SORRY?
YEAH
WELL... WELL DO YOU THINK I SHOULD GO TALK TO HER?
I DON'T THINK THAT'D BE A GOOD IDEA
WELL DID YOU TELL HER I M SORRY?
DID YOU TELL HER I M SORRY?

CRACK
!?
DAMN SPIDERS!
SSSSS

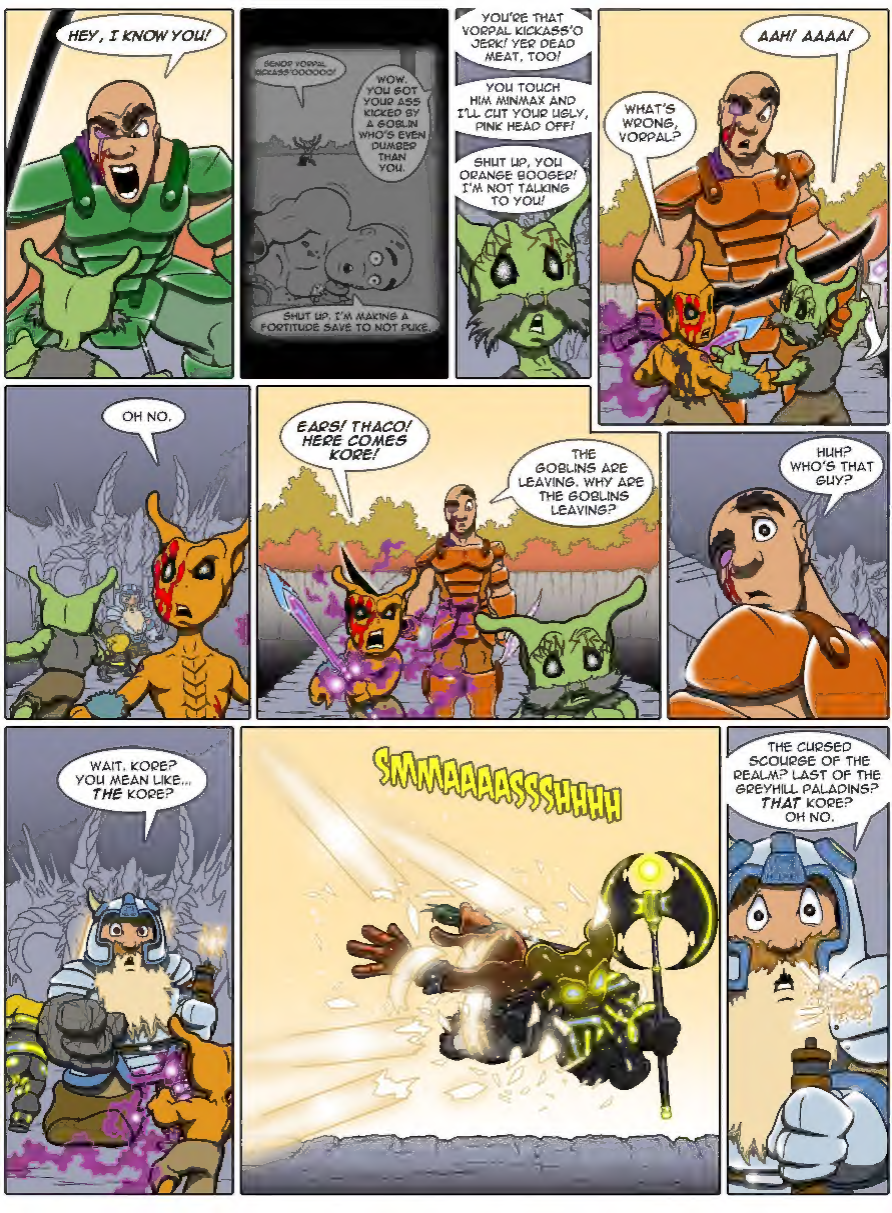
CA-CLICK
JIM HI
WHERE'S YOUR GREEN TEAPOT THINGY?
IT'S IN THE OTHER ROOM. WE ONLY NEED THESE CUPS FOR THE PROCESS TO
KIN, I'M REALLY SORRY
FORGATH. THIS IS THE NAVIGATION TEA.
DRINK IT WHILE THINKING OF ONE OF THE GOBLINS THE OTHER TEA IS THE ACTIVATION TEA AND WILL FOLLOW YOU
THE PROCESS WON'T BEGIN UNTIL THE ACTIVATION TEA IS DRUNK
KIN
I'M SORRY
I KNOW
I DON'T WANT TO DRINK THE TEA.
LISTEN, WHATEVER I CAN DO TO PROVE TO YOU HOW SORRY I AM. WHATEVER I CAN DO TO PROVE HOW I FEEL, I'LL DO IT. YOU WANT ME TO KILL A DRAGON WITH MY BARE HANDS? I'LL DO IT! YOU WANT ME TO FIND YOU THE RAREST TREASURE? TO QUIT ADVENTURING? I'LL DO IT! JUST TELL ME WHAT TO DO AND I PROMISE I'LL DO IT!
DRINK THE TEA

KLUNK
KLUNK
KWHFOOOOM
H NAMES
REMEMBER ME?

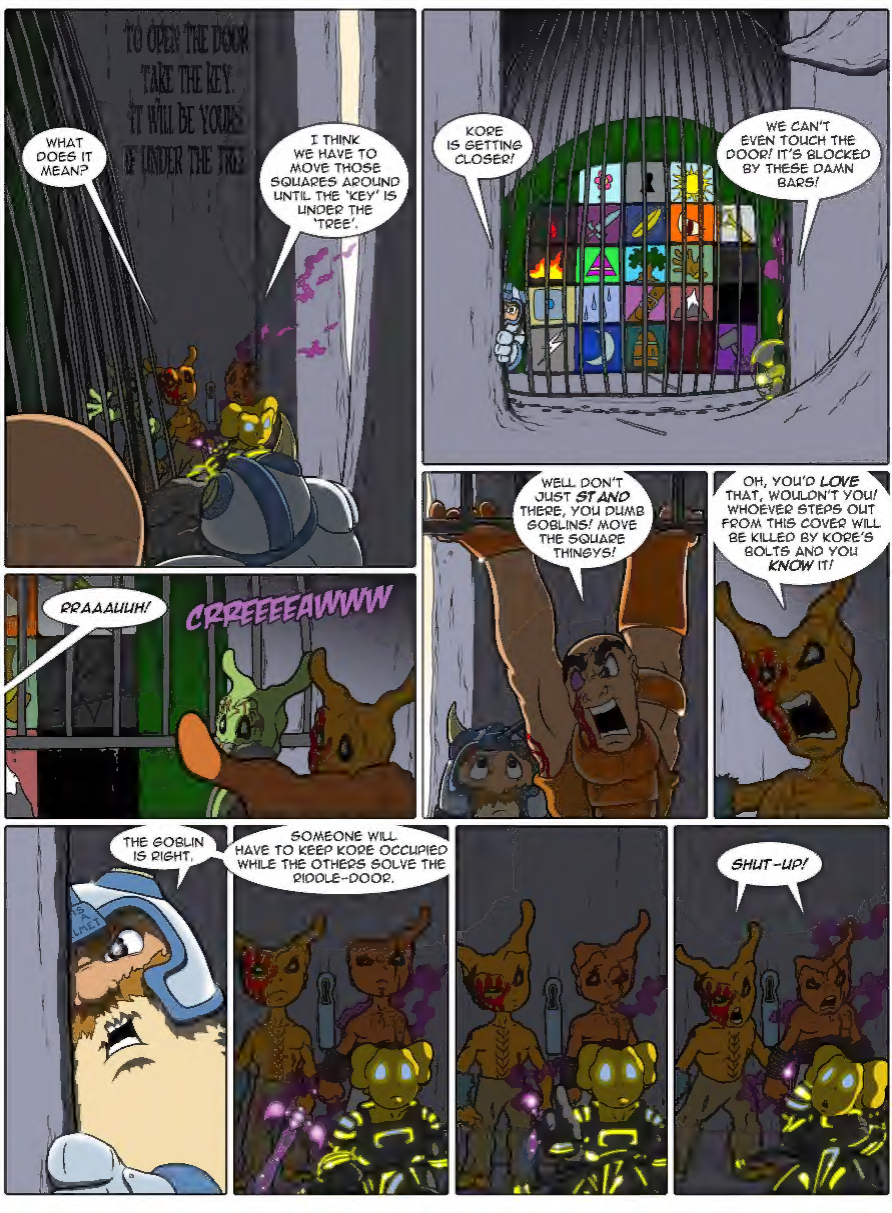
MINMAX? BUT HOW
SCATTER!
CLAANG
OOF!
THWWNG
AAH!
SHHHWWNG
GAAH!
THEY WEREN'T KIDDING THIS NEW BEARD REALLY IS INVINCIBLE

MINMAX, NOW IS NOT THE TIME FOR TH'S! YOU HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE!
I PROMISED I'D KILL YOU, NAMES. AFTER WHAT I'VE LOST TO GET HERE, YOU EXPECT ME TO JUST WALK AWAY?!
WHAT YOU'VE LOST?
YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT LOSS IS!
THAT'S IT COME ON!
COME ON!
RAAAH!
SHICK
SSLK
CLNK

HERBERT! HOLD PERSON!
FWOOSZZH
GET AWAY FROM HIM!
AAAH!
SHCHUNK
CLANK
FFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF
CLA-CRUNCH


HEY, I KNOW YOU!
SENOR VORPAL KICKASS'OOOOOO!
WOW. YOU GOT YOUR ASS KICKED BY A GOBLIN WHO'S EVEN DUMBER THAN YOU.
SHUT UP. I'M MAKING A FORTITUDE SAVE TO NOT PUKE.
YOU'RE THAT VORPAL KICKASS'O JERK! YER DEAD MEAT, TOO!
YOU TOUCH HIM MINMAX AND I'LL CUT YOUR UGLY, PINK HEAD OFF!
SHUT UP, YOU ORANGE BOOGER! I'M NOT TALKING TO YOU!
AAH! AAAA!
WHAT'S WRONG, VORPAL?
OH NO.
EARS! THACO! HERE COMES KORE!
THE GOBLINS ARE LEAVING. WHY ARE THE GOBLINS LEAVING?
HUH? WHO'S THAT GUY?
WAIT. KORE? YOU MEAN LIKE... THE KORE?
SMMAAAASSSHHHH
THE CURSED SCOURGE OF THE REALM? LAST OF THE GREYHILL PALADINS? THAT KORE? OH NO.

WHO CARES ABOUT SOME DUMB PALADIN!? YOU'RE LETTING THE GOBLINS GET AWAY!
AAH!
KATHUNK
KATHUNK
KATHUNK
WHAT'S THAT GUY'S PROBLEM?! I THOUGHT YOU SAID HE'S A PALADIN!
GET BEHIND ME! I'M STILL WEARING THAT +4 RING VS MISSILE WEAPONS!
TEK
OH CRAP, THIS LOOKS COMPLICATED!
WE HAVE TO GET THIS DOOR OPEN!
LET GO OF ME! I'M GONNA KICK THAT DWARF'S ASS!
NO ONE CAN DEFEAT KORE IN A FIGHT! WE HAVE TO RUN!
MINMAX, LISTEN TO ME! REMEMBER THAT TALKING WALL IN BRASSMOON?
THWUMP
GOBLIN HAG SAID THAT A DWARF WOULD KILL ME.
WHAT?
THAT'S TOTALLY GOING TO HAPPEN.
AND NOT A GOOD DEATH EITHER.
LOTS OF SCREAMING.
I GOT YA, BROTHER! I'LL KEEP YOU SAFE!
MMMF!


TO OPEN THE DOOR TAKE THE KEY. IT WILL BE YOURS IF UNDER THE TREE
WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
I THINK WE HAVE TO MOVE THOSE SQUARES AROUND UNTIL THE 'KEY' IS UNDER THE 'TREE'.
KORE IS GETTING CLOSER!
WE CAN'T EVEN TOUCH THE DOOR! IT'S BLOCKED BY THESE DAMN BARS!
RRAAAUUH!
CRREEEEAWWW
WELL DON'T JUST STAND THERE, YOU DUMB GOBLINS! MOVE THE SQUARE THINGYS!
OH, YOU'D LOVE THAT, WOULDN'T YOU! WHOEVER STEPS OUT FROM THIS COVER WILL BE KILLED BY KORE'S BOLTS AND YOU KNOW IT!
THE GOBLIN IS RIGHT.
SOMEONE WILL HAVE TO KEEP KORE OCCUPIED WHILE THE OTHERS SOLVE THE RIDDLE-DOOR.
SHUT-UP!